# Dover ready to launch cruise season with eight inaugural calls and major cruise lines visiting regularly for turnaround days

Dover Cruise's action-packed 2025 season begins next month, with eight inaugural calls and seven cruise lines choosing the Port as their UK embarkation hub for adventures that bring together some of the world's greatest landscapes.

Whether it's the stunning natural beauty of the Nordic's, the sparkling seas of the Mediterranean and Adriatic coast, or the inspiring culture and heritage of the British Isles and Continental Europe, cruising via Dover this year will connect guests with hundreds of world class destinations.

Iain Baillie, vice-president of international sales at Carnival Cruise Line, said: "Cruising from Dover opens up a wealth of opportunities for guests and at Carnival Cruise Line we are delighted to offer a range of itineraries in 2025 on Carnival Miracle.

The Port of Dover has fantastic transport links to and from London and the cruise terminals offer a seamless and efficient embarkation and disembarkation process. Additionally, guests visiting Dover can explore the local area, which is full of exciting activities and sights, not least Dover Castle and the White Cliffs.

Carnival Legend will also sail out of Dover in 2026, demonstrating our long-term commitment to the port."

Doug Glenwright, Guest Experience Director at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines added: "We're excited for our beautiful smaller-sized ship Borealis to return to the Port of Dover on 28th May this year, offering six cruises to a range of breathtaking destinations including the Norwegian Fjords, Croatia, the Azores and Iceland.

Guests will have a range of incredible options, including the chance to discover flower cultivation and pineapple growing in Madeira, enjoy cruising the Dalmatian Coast and the Bay of Kotor and, perfect for first-time cruisers, experience the beauty and splendour of the Norwegian fjords in just five nights – all from the convenience of a regional UK departure port, with connections to London in just over one hour."

The Port welcomes over 20 cruise lines a year for turnaround and port of call visits, bringing up to 8,000 people into the region on the busiest weekends. Dover is conveniently situated on the high-speed rail link from London, and is within easy reach of other parts of the UK by car and public transport. The cruise terminals have dedicated car parking for cruise guests, and there is a shuttle bus from Dover Priory train station.